

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 28, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a special meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 8:12 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.

A. Opening Prayer was given by Milo Smith.

B. Pledge – Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
Absent: Jim Lienhoop

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

None

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES FOR 2007.” Oakel Hardy presented this Ordinance. He recapped the highlights of the budget hearing held August 2nd and 3rd, 2006 as it pertained to this Ordinance. Discussion followed.

Questions were directed to Gene Roberts, Director of Maintenance, regarding the overall budget for his department. Mr. Robert summarized the department’s responsibilities and stated any remaining balances in the appropriations were moved to the City Hall Non-Reverting Fund to pay for capital improvements in the future.

There was discussion with Jim Norris, Director of Public Safety, regarding the driver pay that was proposed for 2007. Also questioned was the need for the “lane marking machine” or if it could be contracted to an outside firm. If that was not possible, the question was asked whether the purchase could wait until 2008.

Fire Chief Gary Henderson was questioned about the possibility of procuring grants or other sources of funds in order to pay for a portion of the proposed fire tower. He was asked to check into getting other funding sources. Gary Henderson was asked to explain the military pay requested for his department for 2007.

Martha Myers made a motion to amend the Ordinance reducing the appropriation for the Emergency Services Training Tower in the Cum Fire Fund to \$ 380,000. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers made a motion to amend the Ordinance removing the “lane marking machine” from the General Fund - Capital Improvements Fund for 2007. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to place the amended Ordinance in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE.” Oakel Hardy summarized the proposed Salary Ordinance indicating it called for a 3% raise for employees. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2007.” Oakel Hardy presented this Ordinance and spoke briefly of the salaries of elected officials. Oakel was asked to check with IACT and get statistics on what elected officials made in second class cities. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.27, 2006 RESOLUTION TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS.” Oakel Hardy indicated this Resolution was necessary in order to initiate the public works loan to fund the new construction and relocation of Fire Station No. 2 to be located at the Columbus Airport. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO THE CITY’S SEWAGE WORKS, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS, AND THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SEWAGE WORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.” Keith Reeves, Director of Utilities and Terry Coriden, Utility Board attorney briefly explained the need for this Ordinance. Mr. Reeves indicated there were low interest loans available through the State Revolving Fund. In order to procure these loans, City Council must approve a Bond Ordinance authorizing the sale of revenue bonds in the name of the City of Columbus. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting September 19, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
- B. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 o'clock A.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer